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1. SALARIES FOR SYRIAN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS LISTED REFTEL INCREASED FROM LEVELS INDICATED ON PAGE 183 OF STATISTICAL ABSTRACT FOR SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC (1974) WHICH AVAILABLE IN NEA/ARN. NEW MONTHLY LEVELS ARE INDICATED BELOW, WITH DOLLAR EQUIVALENTS (AT \$1.00 EQUALS L.S. 3.65) SHOWN IN PARENTHESES. AS REQUESTED, WE HAVE NOT APPROACHED SARG ON THIS SUBJECT AND HAVE RELIED ON STATISTICAL ABSTRACT AND KNOWLEDGE OF FSL EMPLOYEES OF EMBASSY. THEREFORE WISH TO CAUTION THAT THESE ARE ONLY BASE FIGURES AND WE HAVE NO WAY TO ESTIMATE ADDITIONS ON TOP OF SALARIES SHOWN OTHER THAN THOSE INDICATED.

A. US CABINET SECRETARY, EQUIVALENT TO SARG MINISTER:
LS 1,600. PLUS LS 100 REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE, FOR TOTAL OF LS 1,700 (\$466); PLUS FAMILY ALLOWANCE OF LS 20 FOR EACH CHILD (\$5.48),
PLUS UNKNOWN OFFICIAL AMOUNT FOR "PRIVATE EXPENSES" WHICH NOT SHOWN ON PUBLISHED SALARY SCALES, NOR IS THIS IDENTIFIABLE LINE ITEM IN BUDGET. ALSO PROVIDED CAR AND DRIVER.

B. DEPUTY SECRETARY/UNDER SECRETARY, EQUIVALENT TO SARG DEPUTY MINISTER: PAID ACCORDING TO GRADE AND STEP WITHIN TENURED CIVIL SERVANT SCALE (NOTED BELOW). DEUPTY
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MINISTERS IN ECONOMIC SECTORS ESTIMATED TO BE IN TOP SECOND

AND THIRD TENURED RANKS, LS 1458 TO 1,676 (\$399 TO \$459;
SEE DISTRIBUTION BY NUMBER AND MINISTRY ON PP 182-3 OF ABSTRACT);
NO REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCE AS FOR MINISTER, BUT DO RECEIVE
LS 20/CHILD FAMILY ALLOWANCE.

C. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, EQUIVALENT TO
DIRECTOR OF A MINISTRY'S DEPARTMENT: PAID WITHIN TENURED
CIVIL SERVANT SCALE AND DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE AN AVERAGE.
PERHAPS A GUESS WOULD BE AT THIRD HIGHEST STEP, LS 1,458 TO
1,566 (\$366 TO \$429), PLUS LS 20/ CHILD FAMILY ALLOWANCE.

D. CENTRAL BANK PRESIDENT, EQUIVALENT TO CENTRAL BANK
GOVERNOR: SAME BASIC SALARY AND ALLOWANCES AS MINISTER
(PARA A ABOVE), BUT GOVERNOR IS ENTITLED TO VARIOUS OTHER
UNKNOWN OFFICIAL ALLOWANCES, PLUS A "RESPONSIBILITY ALLOW-
ANCE" WHICH WE ARE TOLD BY FSL'S MAY BE AS HIGH AS LS 500
PER MONTH (\$137). THIS ALLOWANCE RELATES TO TRADITION IN
CENTRAL BANK PAY SCALES FOR THOSE WHO ACTUALLY HANDLE
MONEY. IF SHORTAGE APPEARS AT END OF DAY, SHORTAGE IS PAID
BY EMPLOYEE (FROM CASHIER APPARENTLY ALL THE WAY UP TO
GOVERNOR) FROM HIS OWN POCKET. IF HIS ACCOUNTS ARE CORRECT,
THEN HE POKETS "RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCE."

E. MEMBER OF NATIONAL LEGISLATURE: FLAT SALARY OF
LS 1,000 (\$274).

F. TOP THREE GRADES TENURED CIVIL SERVANTS: LS
1,678 AND ABOVE, BUT LIMIT UNKNOWN (\$460); LS 1,568 (\$430) -
LS 1,676 (\$459); AND LS 1,458 (\$399) -LS 1,566 (\$429).
ALSO RECEIVE LS 20/CHILD (\$5.48) ALLOWANCE.

2. TO CONVERT 1973 SALARIES SHOWN ON PPS 182-3, TABLE
28/3 OF STATISTICAL ABSTRACT TO CURRENT SALARIES, ADD LS 75
TO EACH SALARY (TWO RAISES IN 1974, ONE OF LS 50 AND ONE
OF LS 25), AND THEN ADD ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT OF RESULTANT
TOTAL (THIRD RAISE IN 1974).
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